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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1+2 and 3-14

Claims 1+2 and 3-14 essentially define a hand-held electronically controlled injection device comprising

- 1) a housing adapted for receiving a medication container,
- 2) the device having a contact surface for contacting a patient's skin,
- 3) first actuator means for moving said medication container within the housing to and from said contact surface, and
- 4) the contact surface having a through opening for receiving a needle assembly comprising a needle and a needle housing, the device comprising releasable retaining means for locking the needle housing during displacement of the medication container (cf. claim 2).

2. claim: 1+15

Claims 1+15 essentially define a hand-held electronically controlled injection device comprising the features 1)-3) of the above first group, and

- 4) a medication container unit and a needle assembly comprising a needle support, wherein at least one of said needle support and an end of said medication container is provided with an elastic flange (cf. claim 15).

3. claims: 1+16, 17-21 and independent claim 31

Claims 1+16, 17-21 and independent claim 31 essentially define an injection device comprising the features 1)-3) of the above first group, and

- 4) first sensor means for detecting proper connection of the needle to the medication container (cf. claim 16 and claim 31).

4. claims: 1+22+23, 24-30 and independent claim 32

Claims 1+22+23, 24-30 and independent claim 32 essentially define an electronically controlled injection device comprising the features 1)-3) of group I), and

- 4) door, a door opening mechanism for opening/closing said door, and a lock mechanism (cf. claim 23 and claim 32).
